

Exhibit 18 to Plaintiff's
Memorandum of Points and Authorities
in Support of Its Motion for Temporary
Restraining Order and Preliminary
Injunction
(PX00011)
Part 1 of 11



2007

Annual Meeting
of Shareholders

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Safe Harbor Statement

The following constitutes a "Safe Harbor" statement under the private securities litigation reform act of 1995. Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters discussed in this presentation are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, which could cause our actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements.

These risks include but are not limited to general business conditions, the timely development and opening of new stores, the impact of competition, and other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including the reports on Form 10-k for the fiscal year ended September 24, 2006.

In addition to those risks, there are risks and uncertainties associated with the tender offer made by the Company for Wild Oats Markets' common stock. Those risks include risks that the transaction will not be consummated on the terms or timeline first announced. Further information concerning those risks are included in the Company's filings with the SEC in response to the tender offer.

The Company does not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements.

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M A R K E T

- World's leading natural & organic foods supermarket
- 31% CAGR in sales since IPO
- Fiscal 2006 sales of \$5.6 billion
- Currently 192 stores in 32 states, Canada, & U.K.
- 42,000 Team Members
- Member of S&P 500 and Nasdaq-100 indices
- #449 of the Fortune 500
- 5th most valuable U.S. public food retailer after Wal-mart, Kroger, Safeway & Supervalu



our

Stakeholder Philosophy

Our "bottom line" ultimately depends on our ability to satisfy all of our stakeholders.

Our goal is to balance the needs and desires of our customers, Team Members, shareholders, vendors, communities and the environment while creating value for all.

By growing the collective pie, we create larger slices for all of our stakeholders.

Our Core Values reflect this sense of collective fate and are the soul of our company.